

TOWN OF HOPKINTON 18 Main Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions September 9, 2020 update

Previous updates and additional information and resources can be found here:

https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/

We are pleased to announce that Hopkinton Town Hall reopened to the public as of Monday August 10th. Appointments are required: click here for more information. All town departments are open for business. Many transactions can be completed online, and we are available via phone and email to assist during regular business hours. A full Town Directory can be found here. A box at the front door of Town Hall may be used to drop off correspondence, applications, etc., and they may also be mailed or emailed.

As of 9/8/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 140 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 0 of those cases are active, with 127 recoveries and 13 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard.

Town Hall Reopening Plan:

Town Hall is open to the public **by appointment only**. This is due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy. Click here for more information.

Annual Town Meeting - REMINDER

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday September 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM at the Hopkinton High School in the "old bus loop" area. There will be one large tent, able to accommodate 200 people with socially distanced seating. Families, or those residing in the same household, will <u>not</u> be exempt from the socially distanced seating arrangements - and so we ask for your cooperation in not moving or relocating chairs. There will be additional seating outside the tent, for overflow, should attendance be over 200. Members of the Hopkinton Emergency Management Team, and Public Safety, will be on hand to usher and direct residents for parking and registration. In the event of severe inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday September 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM. More details will be forthcoming. Additional documentation can be found here, at Hopkinton's ATM20 webpage.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 weekly Public Health Report- NEW UPDATE
The Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report includes enhanced, more granular information to be updated on a weekly, or biweekly basis, including town-by-town case and testing information, cases and deaths in Long Term Care Facilities, updates on nursing facility audit results, and more.

https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-september-9-2020/download

Hopkinton Public Schools - NEW UPDATE

The District and the Hopkinton Teachers Association have reached a tentative Memorandum of Agreement; pending its ratification and School Committee approval, the district will be well poised for reentry on September 16, 2020. Signage, tents, hand sanitizer, and more are in place--ready for reopening!

Hopkinton Public Library - NEW UPDATE

Printing is now available via curbside pickup! Information on this new service is available at https://bit.ly/3gAxLTQ. After sending your print job, you must call the reference desk at 508-497-9777, extension 3, to let us know the job is waiting and to arrange a pickup time. Please allow at least two hours between when you send the print job and when you plan to pick it up. Printing through this service will be free for jobs totaling \$5 or less; patrons will be charged for costs above \$5.

The library has expanded our popular "quick picks" service to include materials for adults. Click on the following links to see the forms to request children's "quick picks", teen "quick picks", and adult "quick picks". These links are also available from the "Helpful Quick Links" section of the library website, about halfway down the page on the left-hand side.

Hopkinton Senior Center: - REMINDER

The Senior Center has a limited take-out lunch program (Tuesday - Friday) for Hopkinton seniors, particularly those who are homebound and/or have relied on the Center for their daily main meal in the past. If you know of a senior who might benefit from this program please call the Senior Center at 508-497-9730. We have refreshed our menu - https://www.hopkintonma.gov/departments/senior_center/announcements.php Cost is \$2 per meal.

Hopkinton Youth and Family Services:

A reminder that Hopkinton Youth and Family Services is here for you, and can be reached by phone at 508-497-9781. Additionally, you can find more info from the Y&FS <u>Basic Needs Resource Sheet</u> for COVID19 or their facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/hopkintonyouthandfamilyservices.

BAA Postpones Registration for 2021 Boston Marathon:

Click here for more information.

Update from School Superintendent Dr. Carol Cavanaugh:

Dear Hopkinton Families,

With school beginning for students on September 16, 2020, I would respectfully encourage families to begin a "soft quarantine," meaning you stay in your bubble, you wear your masks when leaving the house, and you leave your house for the more essential activities. As we've learned in the course of the pandemic, there are many safe ways to socialize, find entertainment, and exercise, for example. If every family makes a concerted effort, we will have our best chance of keeping the children and adults in our schools safe.

I look forward to seeing our students return to school in the next couple of weeks.

My very best to all, Carol Cavanaugh

Hopkinton also posts frequently on social media. Our Twitter is the best place to keep up with all happenings Hopkinton. You don't need an account to see our twitter feed: https://twitter.com/HopkintonMA

Complete list of Emergency Orders and Guidance from Mass.gov https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency